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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: VENEZUELA

". . . The Cobra," a column (08/03) by Leon Roldos in Quito's leading centrist "El Comercio" (circ. 70,000)

Quote: "There has been a great amount of gnashing of teeth over the conversations [going on] between Ecuadorian and Chavez's governments. . . with some contending that the intention behind these talks is to modify South American geopolitics .

"What is needed is to duly assess the terms presented, while avoiding any sign of dependency, which could become suffocating."

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